

NEWS AND GOSSIP OF WASHINGTON FRATERNAL CIRCLES

Masonic Activities.

Anticipating the election of Edward S. Schmid as supreme monarch of the Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm, a fun-making, good fellowship organization composed of Master Masons by the Supreme Council at its meeting in this city next year, Washington Centennial Lodge, of which Mr. Schmid is a member, at its communication last Wednesday night authorized the master to appoint a committee of twenty-five members of the lodge to be known as the Ed Schmid supreme monarch committee of Washington Centennial Lodge, No. 14, F. A. A. M.

This committee will act as his escort during the council meeting. As a further honor to Mr. Schmid the lodge will confer the Master Mason degree on September 29 at 6:30 p. m., following which a German feast will be spread in the banquet hall of the Masonic Temple, which will be followed by an entertainment. The Worshipful Masters' Association of 1916 will be invited to confer the degree, and the master and members of the German lodge (Arminius), will be asked to attend as special guests.

The Grotto.

Under the direction of Deputy Grand Monarch Edward S. Schmid, Kallipolis Grotto will conduct the services at the Masonic and Eastern Star Home on Sunday, August 20. Rev. Hugh T. Stevenson will conduct the religious service, the Grotto Band will furnish music and Prophet Charles A. Stevens, director of the Glee Club, will have charge of the vocal numbers.

Chief Justice J. S. Goldsmith, chairman of the Grotto excursion to Chesapeake Beach, on August 23, announces that his committee has nearly completed the program for that event. Among the special features will be a parade of the excursionists, of which moving pictures will be made; a band concert by the Grotto Band, an exhibition by the Grotto Drill Corps, an entertainment on the pavilion, athletic contests, aquatic sports, ox-cart rides, pleasing contest, grotesque comicities by members of the Glee Club, and perplexing contests for the ladies.

Chairman Goldsmith requests the committee members and others interested in the excursion to meet with him next Wednesday evening at 712 Twelfth street northwest. A business meeting of the Grotto Drill Corps was held last Monday evening at Builders' Exchange Hall and permanent organization was effected, with twenty-six members. Officers elected were: Captain, P. V. Keating, first lieutenant, Lloyd Hinman; second lieutenant, Harry Taylor. Capt. Keating named Dr. A. H. Staples as paymaster, H. J. Simmons as adjutant, Clarence Schmid, color sergeant; H. H. Williams, first sergeant; Elmer O. Wood, second sergeant.

After the meeting the drill corps acted as host to the Grotto Band and officers of the Grotto.

The Odd Fellows.

LODGES.
Monday—Union, No. 11; Beacon, No. 13, and Langdon, No. 25, business.
Tuesday—Amity, No. 27, degree; Washington, No. 3, and Golden Rule, No. 21, business.
Wednesday—Eastern, No. 7, degree; Federal City, No. 2, degree; Harmony, No. 3, business.
Thursday—Solom, No. 22, degree; Excelsior, No. 17, degree; Columbia, No. 10, business; Oceanic, No. 13, business.
Friday—Central, No. 1, degree; Phoenix, No. 23, business.

ENCAMPMENTS.
Tuesday—Fred D. Stuart, No. 7, degree.
Wednesday—Columbian, No. 1, degree.
PATRIARCHS MILITANT.
Saturday—Canton-Washington, No. 1, drill and social.

Federal City Lodge, No. 20, will confer the degree at its weekly meeting on Wednesday evening. Pending applications will be acted upon and degree work

will be a regular feature of each meeting during the remainder of the term. A large number of members were in attendance at the last meeting and two degrees were conferred by competitive teams. Visiting members from several foreign jurisdictions were present. Past Grand Master John H. Wood reported the Department Degree team would be ready to confer the degree in the near future.

Central Lodge, No. 1, will take up degree work at their next meeting and will continue each meeting during the term in conferring degrees upon applicants which have been reported by the application committee to the lodge. Past Grand Oscar O. Danner is preparing a history of the lodge which will be ready for publication in November. Central Lodge is the oldest lodge of the jurisdiction, having been instituted by Grand Sir Wilby soon after the establishing of the order in the United States.

On Wednesday evening Harmony Lodge will meet for the purpose of its excursion to Chesapeake Beach, Sept. 29, August 10. All proceeds of the excursion will be contributed to the benefit of Odd Fellows Home Fund. Past Grand Thomas J. Gattis, chairman of the committee on arrangements, will submit the completed program covering the special features and amusements.

The general degree staff will assist the degree team of Excelsior Lodge, No. 17, confer the degree upon two candidates on Thursday evening. Noble Grand M. Friedman is reported as recovering from a serious accident in which an automobile collision at Chester, Pa. During the absence of Noble Grand Friedman, Past Grand Leo S. Shoenhall has been the acting noble grand of the lodge.

Grand Master W. J. Hope held a called meeting of the general degree staff on Thursday evening to plan for entertaining the degree team of Yankers, N. Y., which will visit this city on September 2, when it is expected the visitors will confer the first degree upon a large number of candidates for this jurisdiction.

The death of Past Grand Richard T. Pumphrey, of Metropolis Lodge, No. 16, was learned with regret by the members of the order in this jurisdiction. Mr. Pumphrey joined Metropolis Lodge, December 23, 1887, and from the date of his admission has been one of the most active workers of the lodge. Past Grand Pumphrey's work was not confined alone to Metropolis Lodge, but in the Rebekah lodges and in the Grand Lodge. More than twenty years ago he was degree director of Ruth Rebekah Lodge, No. 2, and under his direction the degree team won the first prize of \$50 in gold which was awarded at the meeting of the Sovereign Grand Lodge at Toronto in 1905. All members extend their sympathy to his family.

Eastern No. 7 conferred the initiatory degree last Wednesday under the leadership of Past Grand Harry L. Anderson. The first degree will be conferred Wednesday night, with Past Grand George B. Johnston acting as degree director.

The Rebekah Degree.

Monday—Ruth Rebekah Lodge, No. 2, degree; Naomi Rebekah Lodge, No. 1, business.
Tuesday—Mount Pleasant Lodge, No. 2, degree.
Friday—Dewey Rebekah Lodge, No. 1, degree; Martha Washington Rebekah Lodge, No. 3, degree.
Fidelity Lodge, No. 7, at a meeting on Tuesday evening conferred the degree upon two candidates. During the meeting several new applications were received, which will be considered at the next meeting. By unanimous vote, the following representatives on the Rebekah anniversary committee were selected: Noble grand, Grace W. Thomasson, vice grand, Kate Osborn, Fall, Mrs. Caroline Osborn, Mrs. Florence Leisinger, and Miss Ruth L. Gundling.

The meeting to be held on Tuesday evening, August 15, will be a short business session, and at its close the

members and visitors will assemble at the residence of Vice Grand Mrs. Kate Osborn, Fall, 2245 Rhode Island avenue northeast, and hold a lawn fete for the benefit of the lodge fund.

Ruth Lodge, No. 2, has in waiting a large number of candidates for the degree, and the degree team, under the direction of Past Grand Louise Mays will confer the degree at the meeting tomorrow evening. Members are requested to be present promptly at 8 o'clock. Past Grand Annie E. Colman, the recording secretary, is reported as having met a serious accident, but is improving at last reports.

At the next meeting of Dorcas Rebekah Lodge, No. 4, Past Noble Grand Josephine Beahm, of New Orleans, will be present and give an account of the growth and work of the Rebekah lodges in the Southern city.

At the last meeting Miss Edith Linquist, of Chicago, was present and gave a very interesting account of the work done in the Rebekah lodges of Chicago and Illinois. Secretary Elizabeth Carter read a letter from Sergt. Howard Walther, a member of Dorcas Lodge, but now with the District of Columbia National Guard at Bisbee, Ariz.

The lodge unanimously voted to send Sergt. Walther a serving kit, which he stated was badly needed in camp. The annual moonlight trip on the river will be given on Thursday evening, September 7, on the steamer St. Johns. The excursion is in charge of Post Noble Grand Mrs. Eva Schales, chairman; Mrs. Annie Cole, and Mrs. Josie Ison.

Knights of Pythias.

LODGES.
Monday—Amaranth, No. 28, business; Century, No. 30, work.
Tuesday—Webster, No. 7; Excelsior, No. 34; Capital, No. 23, and Myrtle, No. 5, business.
Wednesday—Mount Vernon, No. 5; Harmonia, No. 12; Union, No. 22, and Columbia, No. 23, business.
Thursday—Harmony, No. 2, business.
Friday—Syracusan, No. 10, business; Rathbone-Superior, No. 29, called off.

WEDNESDAY—MONTHLY ASSEMBLY.
Pythian Sisters.
Wednesday—Friendship Temple, No. 9, initiation.
Friday—Rathbone Temple, No. 8, initiation.

Century Lodge, No. 30, which holds its convention tomorrow night, has a number due for the ranks, and may have work. Past Chancellor Sam Price, who sprained his ankle recently, while returning from Camp Ordway, is reported to be recovering rapidly.

Calanth Lodge, No. 11, has announced a meeting for August 28, to vote for the proposed consolidation with Harmony Lodge, 21.

Keeper of Records and Seal George A. McComas has returned from a brief vacation spent at Sherwood, Md.

W. H. McFarland, of Syracusean Lodge, No. 10, who was injured a few days ago at the steel plant at Giesboro, Md., is reported to be improving at Providence Hospital.

The Kimball celebration, being arranged by Rathbone-Superior Lodge, No. 29, was informally discussed at a meeting of officers Friday night. The date will be announced at the next convention of the lodge, August 25. The lodge has voted a donation and indicated a desire to take part in the Dunn celebration to be held Friday, October 6. Rathbone-Superior Lodge is planning to take active part in the celebration.

The funeral of Past Chancellor Frank Scott, of Excelsior Lodge, No. 14, who died Monday, was held Thursday with Pythian honors. Mr. Scott had been ill but a few weeks.

Grand Master at Arms James N. Kline

is spending his vacation with his family at Atlantic City.

Chancellor Commander D. W. Gall, of Mount Vernon Lodge, No. 5, left for Detroit, Mich., yesterday to attend a special session of the supreme board of trustees of the Macabees, of which he is State deputy supreme commander for the District of Columbia.

The ways and means committee of the Pythian order will hold a semi-monthly meeting this Saturday night. The committee will report.

Webster Lodge, No. 7, conferred the knight rank on William T. Baum Tuesday night.

E. V. Lawrence, a member of Webster Lodge, residing in Anacostia, is receiving the sympathy of his brothers on the death of his wife. Funeral services were held on Wednesday.

Maj. Gen. William H. Loomis, of Grand Rapids, Mich., commanding the Uniform Rank, has been elected an officer of the Nashville encampment, which is quoted, in part: "The supreme assembly of the Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias, at its Cleveland meeting, July 11 and 12 last, considered carefully the conditions surrounding the Nashville encampment of the military department. The mobilization of the National Guard in the several States has acted adversely to the success of this camp. Especially, in Tennessee, has the effect been to prevent the holding of the camp."

"After carefully weighing the 'pros and cons,' the supreme assembly by a unanimous vote, left the determination of the matter to the major general, who was requested to exhaust all expedients at his command to secure the holding of the camp if it could be successfully done. "No exact time for holding the camp can be announced until such time as there may be a full and complete canvass of the situation, both as to the brigades and the regiments, battalions and companies composing the same. This will be done as soon as possible. Should there be a consensus of opinion in favor of holding the camp during 1917, such an arrangement can doubtless be effected. Should it be deemed wise to postpone for two years, that will be the decision."

Pythian Sisters.

Friendship Temple, No. 9, Pythian Sisters, held a large attendance at the meeting Wednesday night, when members and visitors were entertained by the losing side in the recent membership contest. Those in charge were Mrs. Elsie Vander-vort, Mrs. Mary Hooper, Mrs. Ella Garner, Mr. Carrie Davis, Mrs. Nettie Crowthers, Mrs. Sophy Rodrick, Mrs. Helen Kennicut, and Miss Harriet Dyer. Visitors present were the Rev. Patrick Murphy and Mr. and Mrs. H. Elton Smith. The latter, the most excellent chief of Rathbone Temple, recitations were given by Miss Harriet Dyer. Mrs. Ogle gave selections on the piano and interesting talks were made by Dr. Murphy. Past Grand Chancellor John Phillips Meakin and H. Elton Smith. Refreshments were served.

Rathbone Temple, No. 8, initiated candidates Friday night in the presence of a large number of members and visitors, among the latter being Mrs. Rose Palmer, of Alliance, Ohio, a past chief and the mistress of records and correspondence of a temple in that city. Among the candidates initiated were W. F. Iritipio, Mich., where the command of Capitol Lodge, Knights of Pythias, Miss Harriet Little, a member of the temple, who has been in New York for some time on account of ill health, was reported much improved. Mrs. Mary E. Mitchell, the mistress of records and correspondence of Rathbone Temple, is spending her vacation in Baltimore.

Announcement was made the past week of the death on Monday of Mrs. Lester Kahliert at her home in San Francisco. Mrs. Kahliert, who lived in Washington for several years, was a popular member of Rathbone Temple while a resident of this city.

The Macabees.

Calendar.
National Tent, No. 1, meets Monday, August 7, in old Masonic Temple; Anacostia, No. 7, meets in Masonic Hall, Anacostia.
Tuesday, August 8, Mount Vernon Tent, No. 4, meets in Masonic Temple; Eighth and F streets northeast; Brightwood Tent, No. 5, meets in Macabees Hall, Brightwood.
Thursday, August 10, District Tent, No. 8, meets in its hall, Four-and-a-half and G streets southwest.

Sir Knight Henry J. Brelau, of National Tent, No. 1, has the sympathy of the officers and members in the death of his wife, which occurred week before last. Following that, when taking his mother back to her home in Baltimore, he met with an accident, breaking his collar bone and is now in a hospital in Baltimore.

Mount Vernon Tent, No. 4, lost two members during the last week. Sir Knight Conover, who died after an illness of more than two years, and Sir Knight Moss, after an illness of about two weeks.

The joint Macabees outing committee, held a well attended meeting last Wednesday night, at old Masonic Temple, and heard report from the several subcommittees on the beach excursion. The ladies will exhibit the degree team in their well-planned drill, and the knights will produce an exemplification of their degree, in full dress uniform.

The two branches of the Macabees, the ladies and the knights have united on an excursion for the purpose of raising a revenue to add to the comfort of the widows and orphans of deceased members, and as is the custom, remember the children around Christmas time. The entire committee will meet the next Wednesday night, at the old Masonic Temple, ladies reception room, to hear final reports.

Sir Knight W. W. Adamsen, Jr., of Mount Vernon Tent, No. 4, is chairman of the ticket committee of that tent.

Knights of Columbus.

Last Wednesday the committee in charge of the outing to Chesapeake Beach, with all the orphans of the local Catholic institutions as guests of the Fourth Degree Assembly, met at the hall of Chairman C. W. Auginbaugh. Final plans for the outing, which will take place August 16, were discussed.

The sixth dancing party of the season was held last evening at the Columbus Country Club with a large number of members and their guests attending.

All arrangements for the entertainment of the three hundred visiting Knights of Columbus and their ladies from Chicago are completed. On Tuesday the local knights will be in charge. A tour of public buildings will be made in the morning, with a trip to Mt. Vernon, Arlington and Fort Myer in the afternoon. Dinner will be served at the Columbus Country Club, followed by dancing.

The following members of the Country Club are in charge of the dinner to the visitors: Dr. J. B. Biggs, J. E. McCann, F. J. P. Cleary, J. D. Powers, G. A. Dady, H. F. Dolan, Blaine Fitzgerald, S. H. Kates, W. M. Walsh, J. Wahler, E. Rickenbacker, A. V. Brand, E. J. Cuninghame, H. Spicer, Bernard Fitzgerald, L. E. Dolan, M. F. Meyers, F. Marvin, J. P. Egan, J. C. Markling, C.

P. L. Moran, E. Strudley, W. Morris, F. Dunn, S. L. McCarthy, F. M. McLaughlin, W. J. Howard, J. M. McGraw, H. Lennigan, J. M. Tabler, H. Reid, J. Sullivan, J. J. Degnan, D. Masterson, R. P. Whitty, F. C. Hall, J. D. Moriarty, J. W. Freeman, W. D. Wilcoxen, J. McLaughlin and B. S. Lavina.

State Deputy Leo A. Rover and Past State Deputy Wm. P. Normoyle attended the annual convention of the Supreme Council of the Knights at Davenport, Iowa, during the past week.

National Union Councils.

McKinley Council, No. 992, held a meeting Friday evening at Washington Hall. President Jesse B. K. Lee presiding. The committee on excursions promised a successful event on August 9, at Marshall Hall.

After the regular order of business the council served refreshments to its members and visiting friends. Among those present were ex-president of the National Union, Wm. P. Normoyle, President Thomas P. Ryan, Speaker J. Harry Jones, Harry R. Christie, president of Government Printing Office Council, Jesse B. K. Lee and other prominent members of the council.

Bankcroft Council met on Thursday evening with a good attendance for a mid-summer meeting. After business was finished refreshments were served. There is a rumor that a flirtation is going on between Washington and Dahlgren Councils with a view of consolidation. This would seem to be a good move.

The regular meeting of the cabinet was held Monday, July 31, with a large attendance. President F. E. Ferguson, together with Senators W. D. Brown and D. V. Chisholm, were present. These three officers returned a few days ago from the meeting of the Senate at Mackinac Island, Mich., where the supreme body was in session for a week. Much important legislation was enacted, and the above officers gave the cabinet a full report of the Senate's proceedings. The signs are most promising for mothers, wives and other relatives.

throughout the entire jurisdiction was reported to be in a prosperous condition. The committee on the Hospital Bed Fund had its first meeting Tuesday night at headquarters. They went over the work connected with the excursion that was held at Chesapeake Beach on July 23, last. From the returns thus far in the committee is satisfied that the excursion will yield a handsome sum for the Hospital Bed Fund Association. The committee desires to thank all the friends of the National Union who so generously supported this project. The committee consisted of Friends Elmer Johnson, Frank T. Tracy, John E. Hogan, Jas. A. Williams, J. Elliot Wright, W. W. White, William J. O'Brien, O. W. Hammond, William Gutshall, W. H. Wesells, J. T. Madden, T. P. Ryan, C. D. Shreve, Elmer Webster, I. G. Gardiner and J. Harry Jones.

This is a favorable time for entertainments of every sort. Dinners have a lucky sign. Music is subject to a rule that promises great benefits and popularity. The year should develop new interest in concerts, operas and artists. Hotelkeepers, confectioners, milliners and modistes should benefit greatly while this configuration prevails. There is a lucky sign for new friendships, especially those begun between persons of opposite sex. The sea threatens disasters for the end of this month and England may suffer greatly. It is held to be an unfortunate star for seeking positions or promotions. Public exchequers in all the countries of the world will continue to be drained for many months, it is prophesied. The mayor of a great city in the United States will be discredited and scandals will attract national attention. Astrologers read for the national election surprises and political phenomena. Warning is given to candidates of all parties that women should be placated, for they will wield power, the seers declare. Persons whose birthdate it is should beware of accident. Speculation will be unlucky. Business may be exceedingly perplexing. Those who are employed should be cautious. Children born on this day may meet with many troubles in business. They may be too fond of pleasure to save money. (Copyright, 1916.)

Woodmen of the World.

At the meeting of Oak Camp, No. 4, held Wednesday it was announced by Past Consul Commander William G. Stott, that the class initiation to be held the coming winter was well under way. Capt. Cooper asked the members to assist the uniform rank to make the excursion to Chesapeake Beach August 24 a success.

One new member was pledged and eleven applications received. After addresses from Sovereign Stott, Sovereign Berge, and Consul Commander Williams the meeting adjourned. Refreshments were served by the committee.

"The stars incline, but do not compel."

HOROSCOPE.

Sunday, August 6, 1916.

Both good and ill hold sway today, for Venus and Mars are friendly, while Neptune, Jupiter, the Sun and Saturn are adverse. Women should be fairly lucky under this configuration, particularly in regard to dealings in which soldiers are concerned. The signs are most promising for mothers, wives and other relatives. —London Chronicle.

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